

## **CONCLUSIONS 1994 ESA of a Portion of the WWW Tannery Site**

There are three known sites with leaking USTs located within a 1/2-mile radius of the subject site and two Act 307 sites of contamination located within a 1-mile radius. From the information reviewed, it does not appear likely that contamination from any of these sites has the potential to impact the subject property.

After reviewing the information provided by a 50-year title search; reviewing MDNR, local health department, and Fire Marshal Division files; conducting a visual site inspection; interviewing the current owner/operator; reviewing state and federal lists of contaminated sites; and reviewing adjacent properties; FTC&H personnel, with the information available, have identified the following as areas of potential environmental contamination:

- 1. Cinders and slag-like material observed along the path of the railroad may have leached contaminants, such as heavy metals and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, to the soil or groundwater beneath the site.**
- 2. Hides and/or wastes stored onsite north of Rum Creek may have leached contaminants, such as heavy metals, to the soil or groundwater beneath the site.**
- 3. Staining was observed onsite adjacent to an unidentified WWW dumpster. The staining appeared similar in color to that observed beneath a hide storage trailer.**
- 4. Elevated lead levels were detected in soils east and west of the former railroad tracks in the vicinity of the former WWW USTs. The concentrations were greater than background levels of MDNR Type A cleanup criteria. Elevated lead levels may exist onsite in this area.**
5. Assessor records indicate that American Oil Company formerly operated immediately north of the site. Surface water drainage and probable groundwater flow direction is toward the subject site. No visual evidence of environmental contamination was found.
6. Chemical materials have been stored outside at the adjacent WWW warehouse building east of the site. There is no available evidence to indicate that environmental contamination has resulted from this storage. Soil staining in the parking area between WWW and the WWTP appears to be confined to the upper few inches of soil.

